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# Hawaii Public Housing Authority HPHA Newsletter

*Bringing People Together to Make Housing Dreams Come True*

## PUBLIC HEARING FOR FEEDBACK OF PHA PLAN

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### LEADERSHIP UPDATE

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) Board of Directors continues to search for a permanent executive director. Patti Miyamoto remains the interim executive director for HPHA until a selection is made. Pam Dodson is still the executive assistant.

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY (HPHA)  
FY 2007 PHA PLANS

In accordance with 24 CFR 903.17, there will be public hearings to obtain comments from HPHA's Draft Fiscal Year 2007 Public Housing Agency 5-Year and Annual Plans. The plan outlines the current direction of the federal public housing and Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance programs and includes policies governing client eligibility, selection, and admissions, as well as rent determinations and several other items. The hearings will be held on April 9, 2007 beginning at 6:00 P.M. at these locations:

Island  
Oahu

### Location

HPHA-1002 No. School St.  
Bldg. "L"  
Honolulu, HI 96817

### Island

East Hawaii

### Location

Lanakila Homes  
600 Wailoa St.  
Hilo HI 96720

### Island

West Hawaii

### Location

Kealahke School  
74-5062 Onipa'a St.  
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

### Island

Maui

### Location

Makani Kai Hale  
Community Hall

35 Koapaka Ln.  
Wailuku, HI 96793

Island  
Kauai

### Location

State Kawailehua  
Community Hall  
5220 Paanau Rd.  
Koloa, HI 96756

Please send written comments to HPHA at P.O. Box 17907, Honolulu, HI 96817 or faxed to (808) 832-5979 or by e-mail to [hcdch@hcdch.hawaii.gov](mailto:hcdch@hcdch.hawaii.gov), but must arrive by 4:30 p.m., Thursday, April 5. Any person requiring special needs please make request to HPHA at least seven working days prior to the public hearing by written request or by calling (808) 832-5974.

## QUEST-ACE SIGNUPS BEGIN

Up to 20,000 additional impoverished adults in Hawai'i will be eligible to receive Medicaid health insurance through a new program that was launched by the Hawai'i State Department of Human Services (DHS).

The QUEST-ACE (Adult Coverage Expansion) program started March 1 and provides insurance for adults (ages 19 through 64) without dependent children whose annual earnings are at or

below the Federal Poverty Level of \$980 per month or \$11,760 per year. For married adults, the income limits are \$1,313 per month or \$15,756 per year.

This service will help residents who could not sign up for the QUEST Medicaid managed care program due to a statewide enrollment cap imposed in 1996. QUEST-ACE provides vital benefits, such as inpatient and outpatient care, emer-

gency room visits, mental health services, diagnostic tests, immunizations, alcohol and substance abuse treatments, dental care and prescription drug coverage.

To learn more about QUEST-ACE, contact Aloha United Way at 211, or call (808) 524-3370 on O'ahu or (800) 316-8005 toll-free from the Neighbor Islands. Translation services are available.

## MUSIC CONCERT AT KALIHI VALLEY HOMES

Residents of Kalihi Valley Homes (KVH) and area residents were treated to a rocking free island music concert on March 2, 2007 held at the KVH gym from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The KVH resident association and board, KVH Management and the Hope Through Music Founda-

tion (HTM) sponsored the event which attracted over 500 residents. The Hope Through Music Foundation is made up of former KVH tenants who have gone on to become successful musicians throughout the South Pacific. HTM is the brainchild of Junior Mika, Mikey Aiolutepa, Tielu



Serving hotdogs at the KVH concert

Aipopo and others who all grew up in KVH. Through their efforts they were able to attract other famous island musicians, also former KVH residents such as Pati, Isaako, Konnah Blockk, Herban Legends, Queenie & Group, Franco & Group, and DJ Kelemeke.

HTM is set to begin teaching music classes to the young people of KVH and make it a permanent program on site. In six months, HTM plan to hold another island music concert this time featuring the music students in the program.

Other partners in the event were Sgt. John Kauwenaole's Weed & Seed HPD officers, TV's Olelo, Kokua Kalihi Valley and Ali'i security. The event was also attended by HPHA's Executive Assistant, Pam Dodson.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Aloha!

Here at the Hawaii Public Housing Authority we have and continue to promote the achievements of our residents. We realize that many of your accomplishments often go unpublicized and are not picked up by the mainstream media. Our monthly newsletter is an op-

portunity for you to share the good news in your community.

We want to hear about your success stories whether it be establishing a new program to help other residents or starting up a watch patrol to deter crime in your area. If you know of any former public housing residents who would like to share their success stories, please have them contact us.

We believe that hope and optimism is evident in every public housing community. Instead of confining the good news to ourselves, let's share it with our fellow neighbors and residents.

On behalf of the HPHA staff, we want to wish you and your families a very Happy Easter!

**-Patti Miyamoto,**  
**Interim Executive Director**

## EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

The Parents and Children Together (PACT) Economic Development Center is offering free employment assistance to public housing residents. The Economic Development Center serves consumers who are "environmentally at risk" of remaining unemployed or underemployed and who are unable to support themselves and their families unless they receive assistance in developing workplace skills, economic literacy, job and business opportunities, and technical assistance.

These are some of the services provided:

### Learn these skills:

- Fill out employment applications correctly
- Interview skills
- Assistance with resume
- Job search (new paper, internet)
- How to keep a job

There are also services for people wishing to learn how to start a business which include:

- Basic business skills
- Financial Literacy
- Business plans
- Get Technical Assistance
- Other business resources

Reserve your seat for the upcoming training in April 2007 call 842-7093.